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THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" இந்தக் கமிட்டியில் டாக்டர் லக்ஷ்மணசாமி முதலியார் தலைவர். மற்றும் நமது டீ.பி.ஐ. ஆசிரியர் பயிற்சிப் பள்ளிகளின் பிரின்சிபால்கள், தென்னிந்திய உபாத்தியாயர்களின் சங்கத் தலைவர் நடராஜன் ஆகியோர் இருக்கிறார்கள். இந்தக் கமிஷன் செய்திருக்கும் சிபார்சுகளையும் பரிசீலனை செய்து, எப்படி அமுல் நடத்துவது என்ற ஆலோசனையைச் சொல்வதற்காக சர்க்காரால் இக்கமிட்டி நியமிக்கப்பட்டிருக்கிறது."

* 1315 *Q.*—

MR. SPEAKER :—" We shall take the questions to be answered by the Hon. Revenue Minister on the 15th."

Bus fare from Madras to Avadi during Congress Session.

* 1316 *Q.*—SRI A. RATNAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Religious Endowments and Transport be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether any representations were received by the Government from private bus owners requesting the Government to fix a higher rate of bus fare from Madras to Avadi and back in connection with the Congress Session;

(*b*) the number of private buses and the number of private bus owners who have undertaken to run bus service to Avadi; and

(*c*) the rate of fare charged per passenger from Madras to Avadi?

THE HON. SRI B. PARAMESWARAN :—" (*a*) No, Sir.

" (*b*) Ninety-nine private bus operators undertook to run buses from Madras to Avadi and back in connection with the Indian National Congress Session. The number of private buses which were run from Madras to Avadi and back in this connection was 280.

" (*c*) the fare per passenger per single trip from Madras to Avadi was annas eight."

SRI A. RATNAM :—" இந்த 99 தனிப்பட்ட முதலாளிகளின் பஸ்களை சென்னையிலும், அதன் சுற்றுப்புறத்திலும் வைப்பதற்கு எத்தனை பஸ் ஸ்டாண்டுகள் அமைக்கப்பட்டன ? அதனுடைய செலவினங்களை காங்கிரஸ் மகாநாடு கூட்டியவர்கள் ஏற்றுக்கொண்டார்களா ? பிரைவேட் பஸ் சொந்தக்காரர்கள் ஏற்றுக்கொண்டார்களா ? அல்லது சர்க்கார் ஏற்றுக் கொண்டார்களா ?"

THE HON. SRI B. PARAMESWARAN :—" அதற்குச் செலவு ஒன்றும் ஆகவில்லை. எங்கெங்கே பிரயாணிகளுக்கு வசதியளிக்க பஸ்கள் செல்லமுடியுமோ, அந்தந்த இடங்களில் எல்லாம் பஸ் ஸ்டாண்டுகள் ஏற்படுத்தப்பட்டன. ஆனால் முக்கியமாக மூன்று இடங்களிலே பிரயாணிகள் ஏறுவதற்கும், இறங்குவதற்கும் ஏற்பாடு செய்யப்பட்டிருந்தது."

SRI K. KUNHI MOHAMED SHAFEE :—" Sir, may I know whether any bus operators offered any concessional rates, as in the case of bus operators of Coimbatore, who were prepared to take passengers at a low rate of Rs. 5 from Coimbatore to Madras? "

MR. SPEAKER :—" The question is about buses between Avadi and Madras."

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SRI K. KUNHI MOHAMED SHAFEE :—" Yes, Sir. But I want to know whether any concessional rate similar to that offered by bus operators between Coimbatore and Madras was offered here also? "

THE HON. SRI B. PARAMESWARAN :—'-' The bus operators were allowed to bring passengers when the buses came down here and take passengers when they went back (to Coimbatore)."

SRI K. RAJARAM :—" May I know whether the Hon. Minister is aware that the expenses connected with the installation of bus stops, etc., were borne by the Congress Reception Committee and not the Government or bus operators? "

THE HON. SRI B. PARAMESWARAN :—" I have already said that there was no expenditure to the Government."

SRI S. C. C. ANTHONY PILLAI :—" Is it a fact that a sum of Rs. 3 lakhs was given to the Madras Corporation to improve the roads leading to Avadi with a view to induce the bus operators to operate on these roads? "

THE HON. SRI B. PARAMESWARAN :—" There was no need for any inducement to bus operators; they co-operated with the Government, looking after the comforts and providing facilities to the passengers. Further the hon. Member's question is a separate one, as the main question has nothing to do with improvement to roads."

SRI T. C. NARAYANAN NAMBIAR :—" May I know from the Hon. Minister whether any special facilities or concessions in the shape of exemptions from taxes, etc., were granted to the bus operators who made arrangements to ply buses for the Avadi Session? "

THE HON. SRI B. PARAMESWARAN :—" They were granted permits, licences, etc., wherever necessary."

Pondicherry State.

* 1317 *Q.*—SRI M. KALYANASUNDARAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that a Malabar Special Police Force has been sent to the former French-Indian Settlements which have merged with the Indian Union;

(*b*) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(*c*) which Government meets the expenses?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" (*a*) Yes, Sir. A company of the Malabar Special Police has been deputed to serve under the Pondicherry Administration.

" (*b*) The deputation was made at the request of the Government of India, to augment the existing police force there and to assist them in their regular duties.